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TECHNICAL FIELD

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BACKGROUND

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SUMMARY

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DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the Abstract on page 18 with the following new Abstract:

An electrical component includes a base having ceramic layers and internal electrodes between at least some of the ceramic layers. The electrical component also includes an external electrode on a face of the base, which contacts at least some of the internal electrodes. The external electrode includes a layer having at least one local minimum.

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